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LETTER DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to bring to your attention yet another serious violation that took place on Saturday, 20 November, in the demilitarized zone (DMZ). Again this violation, like the one on 16 November, involved orchestrated acts of provocation and incitement by Iraqi officials against the territorial integrity of Kuwait and infiltration of the boundary into Kuwaiti territory.

On Saturday, 20 November 1993, before noon, more than 400 Iraqis converged at the boundary between pillars 103 and 104. The crowd, waving Iraqi flags and banners, proceeded towards the trench and the berm on the Kuwaiti side of the boundary. Around 10 buses and 2 white Jeeps, the occupants of which seemed to give instructions to and direct the crowd, were also noticed at the area. There were two United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) patrols on the Kuwaiti side, and two near the Iraqi crowd. Subsequently, the crowd surrounded the workers, who were under the protection of Kuwait police, and started to throw stones at them and at the UNIKOM patrols and planted Iraqi flags on the berm. One Kuwaiti policeman, Marzouq Salem, was injured in the forehead. Totally surrounded by the crowd, a Kuwaiti policeman fired shots in the air, following which the crowd retreated with their escort of Jeeps and buses into Iraq.

In bringing the above to your attention, it is evident that Iraq is intent on disrupting peace in the DMZ and obstructing the orderly construction of the trench on the Kuwaiti side of the border.

Undoubtedly, Kuwait is keen to put an end, by all peaceful means possible, to repeated Iraqi violations of its territorial integrity.

Towards that end, it is suggested that the Security Council pursue the following:

(1) Exert utmost pressure on Iraq, which is held responsible for such violations to desist immediately from further violations of paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and paragraph 5 of resolution 833 (1993);

(2) Instruct UNIKOM to take whatever physical action deemed possible to prevent or redress problems that arise in the DMZ as a result of the presence of Iraqi citizens or assets in the DMZ on the Kuwaiti side of the boundary;

(3) Accord high priority to and facilitate the prompt deployment of the Bangladesh battalion which shall possess capabilities to use force in implementation of UNIKOM's mandate.

I should appreciate it if you would bring the above to the immediate attention of the members of the Security Council and arrange for the circulation of the letter as a document of the Security Council.

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